

COUNCIL OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

To the Chairman and Members of the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my report for the year ended 31st  
December, 1953.

General Statistics

Area	4,041 Acres
Population	1900
Number of Families	540 approximately
Rateable Value	£7,368
Sum represented by One Penny Rate	£27.176

Vital Statistics

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births (Legitimate)	24	21	45
(Illegitimate)	-	-	-
Still Births (Legitimate)	-	-	-
(Illegitimate)	-	-	-
Number of deaths of infants under one year of age	-	-	-
Deaths	11	12	23

	1953	1952
Birth Rate	23.76	16.84
Death Rate	12.10	15.78

Cause of Death in the cases who died on the islands

A. Malignant Disease

i. Cancer of the stomach	-	
ii. Cancer of the breast	-	
iii. Other malignant and lymphatic tumours	4	4

B. Diabetes

C. Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System

8

D. Coronary Disease

4

E. Other Heart Diseases

7

Total of deaths due to disease of the heart  
and blood vessels

19

F. Bronchitis

G. Influenza

H. Hyperplasia of Prostrate

I. Pregnancy and Child Birth

J. Other defined and ill-defined diseases

K. Accidents

L. Suicides

### Infectious Diseases

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Pneumonia	4	4	8
Measles	-	-	-
Erisipelas	-	-	-

### Vaccination and Immunisation

Primary Vaccination	7
Revaccination	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>9</u>

Primary Immunisation	12
Reinforced Immunisation	<u>10</u>
Total	<u>22</u>

### Food Poisoning

There were no cases during the year

### Water Supply

This is satisfactory both in quality and quantity

### Maternity and Child Welfare

Ante-natal and post-natal examinations are carried out at the Welfare Centres on Tresco, St. Mary's and at the doctor's surgery. All the expectant mothers attend for regular ante-natal examinations and for post-natal examination six weeks after their confinement. There were no deaths due to pregnancy.

The dental care of expectant and nursing mothers and for children under five years of age continues to be very satisfactory.

### Sewage

The disposal of sewage is quite satisfactory

### Meat, Milk and other Foods

These have all been satisfactory during the year. There have been no cases of food poisoning during the year.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

W. D. BELL.